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SUBJECT: DEA/JUSTICE REQUEST FOR INCREASED STAFFING

REF: MONTEVIDEO 3213

DEA COMMENTS WERE REQUESTED IN REFTEL CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF A SECOND DEA AGENT TO MONTEVIDEO. DEA IS AWARE OF USG POLICY OF A DECREASE IN AMERICAN PRESENCE OVERSEAS, BUT FEELS THAT THE FOLLOWING REASONS JUSTIFY AN INCREASE BY ONE OFFICER IN THE DEA STAFF AT MONTEVIDEO:

1. THE MONTEVIDEO D.O. IS NOW STAFFED BY ONE AGENT. RECENT EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT THE ABSENCE OF THE SAIC FROM POST CREATES A SEVERE STRAIN ON MANPOWER AND FISCAL RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE AREA. SAIC SAUCEDO IS NOW ON HOME LEAVE AND THE POST IS BEING MANNED BY A TDY AGENT FROM BOGOTA. THE BUENOS AIRES REGIONAL OFFICE CANNOT SPARE A TDY AGENT.

2. WITH THE PHASE-OUT OF THE AID PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT APPROPRIATE LIAISON AND TRAINING PRO-
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GRAMS WILL NOW BECOME THE RESPONSIBLITY OF THE DEA AGENT. THIS IMPORTANT OPERATION WOULD CREATE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IF

A SECOND AGENT WERE NOT ASSIGNED TO MONTEVIDEO.

3. DEA HAS EXPERIMENTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH A TDY AGENT AT A GIVEN POS OF DUTY IN THE PAST AND HAS FOUND:

A. A TDY AGENT WHO IS UNFAMILAR WITH INFORMANTS, PROCEDURES, AND LOCAL OFFICERS IS OPERATING AT A DISADVANTAGE TO HIMSELF AND THE AGENCY.

B. THE MANPOWER BENEFITS TO A PARTICULAR OFFICE FROM A TDY ASSIGNMENT ARE MORE THAN OFFSET BY THE DRAINS ON DEA'S OPERATIONAL FUNDS AND ON THE MANPOWER OF THE CONTRIBUTING OFFICE.

4. DEA FEELS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO SEND ANOTHER AGENT TO MONTEVIDEO IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO AGENTS ON UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENTS.

5. ON THE BASIS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PERIOD SINCE THE REFERENCED MESSAGE WAS SENT, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS A NEW EMBASSY EVALUATION OF THE NEED FOR A SECOND DEA AGENT IN MONTEVIDEO. RUSH

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